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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A FLEXIBLE MAT DEFINED BY INTERCONNECTED CONCRETE PANELS

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
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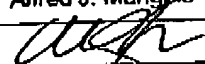
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